

# *Gadsby's Tavern Museum*

## Rental Guidelines



Gadsby's Tavern Museum encompasses two buildings that are more than 200 years old, with beautiful rooms, narrow stairways and uneven wood floors. Events must not cause undue wear and tear on the building, nor create intrusive noise to the restaurant below or neighboring community. The following guidelines will help you plan your event and ensure the preservation of our historic site. If you have any questions please contact the Rental Coordinator.

### CLIENTS

- A refundable security deposit (check or cash) is required to reserve the Museum for an event. This security deposit **cannot** be applied toward the fees associated with the event. The deposit will be returned following the event provided there are no charges incurred for damages during the event or additional time used.
- One month prior to the event, the full rental fee (check or cash) is due to the Museum as well as the event schedule and a list of vendors with contacts and anticipated delivery times.
- Should your event last longer than the time indicated in the "Rental Agreement" a fee of \$150 will be charged for every ½ hour beyond the end of the rental period. In addition, the security deposit will not be refunded.
- The rental fee includes set-up and clean-up of the Museum's tables and chairs, use of the Museum's 8 round tables (4') and 8 banquet tables (6'), white party chairs, barrel trashcans, staff person during your event (in costume upon request), podium, green tablecloths, hurricane lamps, brass candlesticks, and ivory candles. Any additional or different equipment will be at the client's expense.
- For an additional room reset fee (\$75 to \$300), changes in the setup of chairs and tables during an event can be made. The fee will be determined based on the reset plan. The amount will appear on the "Rental Agreement."
- All cancellations must be received in writing by Gadsby's Tavern Museum. In the event of a cancellation **less than 1 month** prior to the event, the security deposit is not refundable. All other rental fees will be refunded.
- All events must end and be cleaned up by our staff by 11:00pm.
- Due to the historic nature of the buildings, decorations may not be attached to walls, chandeliers, ceilings, or floors. No confetti, rose petals, bubbles, glitter, rice, feather boas, spray cans of string confetti or similar items will be allowed. Only candles supplied by the Museum or approved dripless/smokeless/colorless candles may be used.
- No smoking is permitted anywhere in the buildings.

- The Museum is not wheelchair accessible above the 1st floor. All rental spaces are on the 2nd floor. Public restrooms are located on the 3rd floor. The City of Alexandria complies with the terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act and offers accessible rental spaces at other City-owned sites.
- The Museum, its employees and agents, and the City of Alexandria assume no liability in connection with the scheduled event.
- The renter (and their contracted vendors) are responsible for any and all damage that occurs as a result of this event. The Museum should be left in its original condition at the conclusion of the event.
- The musician's gallery in the Ballroom is off limits by anyone during an event (including photographers, musicians, florists, guests or other vendors). A violation of this policy will result in the loss of the security deposit.
- Tours are available for your guests at an additional \$4.00 per person. Advance notice of at least one month prior to event is required.
- If you are having your ceremony at the Museum, a 1-hour rehearsal can be held in the space during regular Museum Hours. Additional rehearsal time may be purchased if needed.

## CATERERS AND OTHER VENDORS

- The renter is responsible for making arrangements for all food, beverage, and other event needs (i.e. different linens and chairs, coat check, a/v requirements, etc). Gadsby's Tavern Museum is not responsible for set-up or removal of this rental equipment.
- Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant is the on-site caterer, however a list of outside caterers approved by the Museum is available. For all events not catered by the Restaurant or by an approved caterer, the catering contact must meet with the Rental Coordinator to review the Museum Guidelines and receive final approval.
- Museum activities and programs take precedent over event activity during set-up and clean-up periods.
- All deliveries can be unloaded and loaded in the front of the Museum in the unloading/loading zone.
- There is no on-site commercial kitchen for use by outside caterers, therefore all food **must** be prepared off-site. Warming ovens, other equipment, etc. are permitted **only if** it measures 32" wide and high due to the front stair dimensions. Plastic floor covering must be put down under all work areas, including the bar.
- One month prior to the event, any outside caterers used must submit to the Rental Coordinator the event plan for approval.

- The Museum will provide barrel trashcans for the event space. All trash created by the event must be properly bagged and removed from the building at the conclusion of the event and put in the City of Alexandria garbage receptacles on Fairfax Street, one block over from the Museum.
- No food or drink should be served in the Passage Room. Drop trays are requested at the stairs in the Assembly Room and in the hallway from the Ballroom. Please be aware and make an effort to clean up if a spill occurs, especially wine, fruit, and cake.
- All catering equipment and supplies must be picked up at the conclusion of the event. Gadsby's Tavern Museum will not be responsible for any lost or stolen catering equipment or other supplies.

## **MUSIC**

- All music vendors must be pre-approved with Gadsby's staff before the event. Chamber and acoustic music are ideal for either room. Amplified music is not allowed, however DJs are acceptable with the understanding that Museum staff will monitor the noise level so it does not disturb patrons in the Restaurant below.
- Dancing is allowed in the Ballroom only.

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I have read and understand these rules and guidelines. My signature constitutes a contract to abide by these rules. I understand should Gadsby's Tavern Museum staff determine any of these rules were not followed the security deposit will not be refundable.

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Signature of Renter

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Date

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Signature for GTM

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Date